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Millions of Dollars Invested in Mills and Factories.

INDUSTRIAL TOWN

STILL HAS ROOM FOR MANY MORE

Capital of Alleghany County One of State's Most Prosperous Business Centres, and It Is Growing and Getting Better and Bigger Every

BY FRANK S. WOODSON,

the fast-flying trains of the Chesi at be something of a manufacturing in. I have made such an observation, and was a such an observation was a such an observation and an accordance of the control of the such and an omobile ride around the town and as the Jackson River, and up and in the sidetracks built to reach instrial plants that are not seen from windows of the passing passenger ins. I never dreamed that within corporate l'inits of Covington, a in of not more than 5,000 inhabits, and the immediate suburbs, more in \$6,000,000 of the coin of the realm invested in mills and factories of kind and another; nor did I dream there may be found here power eligible sites for as many more nits of the industrial kind and for much more investment of money cling big dividends and proximity to raw material, uch, however, are the facts, and at is more, these mills and factors make Covington the largest pling point on the Chesapeake and Railway between Cincinnati and woort News, some of the coal tes and the city of Richmond exted.

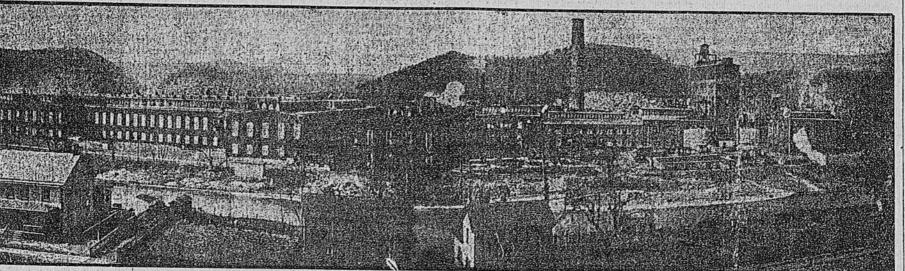
some are building more houseroom and increasing machinery and operatives now. This explains the rapid increase in population and the consequent increase in business, and the necessity for a building hoom.

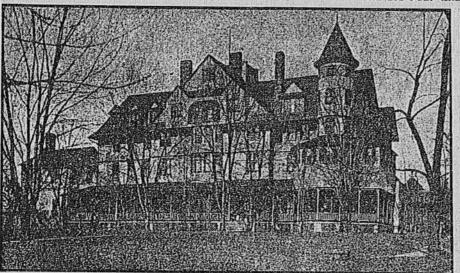
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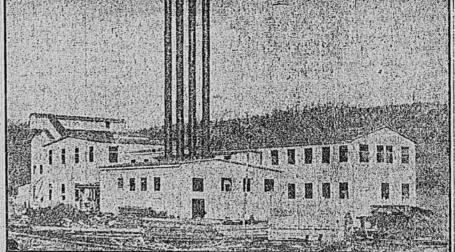
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### VIEWS AND NEAR VIEWS; HINTS AND SUGGESTIONS

More About That Mule-Footed Hog---Can Virginia Make Cott n?--- Mountain Grown Truck --- A Point or Two on Good

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As sefore said, these manufacturing industries have invested here in buildings, machinery, etc., vast sums of maintings, machinery, etc., vast sums of participations of the largest is a \$4,000,000 plant, and employs and provided provided by steam railways of their own, is a \$500,000 people. Another is a doubt plant, from works in town and ore mines out of town, and reached by steam railways of their own, is a \$500, 100 people. Another has a quarter of million of the provided provided by steam railways of their own, is a \$500, 100 investment, and employs in fush times 600 people.

Another has a quarter of million of the provided provid A good friend, and, I regret that he does not allow me to use his name, writes me that I am nearly a hundred years behind time on the mule-footed hog proposition, which was so elaborately considered in the Industrial Section a week ago. This friend thinks that the story written, so far as, it concerned the history of the mule-footed nog, commenced at the wrong end. He assures me that the first mule-footed hog ever seen in the world was born in King William county, in this State, and was, as a matter of course, regarded as a freak of nature. From this freak, however, there came many good and

All the same, if it proves true that All the same, if it proves true that the mule-footed hog is cholera immune, and Farmer Smith, of Horn Quarter plantation, in King William county, is going to find out if it is true, then the mule-footed hog will be worth on an average of \$2,000,000 a year to Virginia, when he gets properly introduced, and this is a fact whether the mule-footed hog first appeared in King William or in Africa.

Virginia-Grown Cotton.

A gentlemen who lives in Rock-bridge county, just under the shadow of the grand mountain peaks that look down upon the Natural bridge and a

whole lot of other lovely things in the A good friend, and, I regret that he oes not allow me to use his name, writes me a short note, in which is says he has read an editorial or a comsays he has read an editorial or a comment or a communication in The Times-Dispatch about cotton-growing in Virginia. He thinks Virginia—all of Virginia—can grow cotton mighty near as well as Georgia. I am inclined to take issue with him as to some parts of Virginia, but the story he tells is at least interesting, and here

"My grandfather, who evidently be-lieved in his day, as does! the Indus-trial Editor of The Times-Dispatch in this day, that Old Virginia can grow as a freak of nature. From this freak, however, there came many good and healthful 'porkers. Somehow, or in some other way, so says my informant, the mulo-footed hog played out in King William, and probably seventy-live or more years ago he was forgotten.

It is a little curious, to say the least of it, that a twentieth century King William county farmer should be enthusiastically spending money to introduce in that county and in the whole State of Virginia a breed of porkers that less than a hundred years ago appeared in that same county as a freak that was worthless, and that because of its worthlessness, was allowed to die out or maybe was killed out.

Well, who knows but what cotton when it showed up in its beautiful whiteness."

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Well, who knows but what cotton can be grown a little better under the guardianship of that blessed mountain shed that protects half of Virginia from storms and frosts and other evils, than it can be down in Georgia and Texas and other points where the hot weather breeds the boll weevil to destroy the cotton after it blooms? It is certain that the weevil can't live in the high latitude of Virginia.

I dare to suggest that some of the Pittsylvania county folks and some of the folks of Halifa" and some of those good farmers in Albemario and Augusta and Nolson and Alleghany. Well, who knows but what

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